

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are currently pending in this application. By way of this Reply, claims 1 and 5 have been amended, without prejudice, to address the informalities noted in the March 14, 2008 *Ex Parte Quayle* Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

In accordance with the Examiner's instructions, claim 1 has been amended to replace the phrase "some form of" with the word "a" in order to clarify the subject matter the Applicants regard as their invention. Claim 5 has been amended to eliminate the multiple dependency noted in Action.¹ Finally, the specification has been amended to correct several minor informal matters.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

¹ Similarly, the Action indicates that claim 4 requires amendment to eliminate a multiple dependency. However, a corrective amendment was made to claim 4 in the April 26, 2006 Preliminary Amendment.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1-18, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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